OLD ENGLAND.

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Leniter, ex merito quicquid patiare, ferendum eſt.
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EVERY thinking Miniſtry, who have had the Honor of their King and Country in View, have always made a Point of ſending the moſt qualify'd Perſons in the Nation, to repreſent their Maſter in foreign Courts; and, not contented with a Capacity and a Genius for Buſineſs only, they generally fixed upon ſuch ſuch as were internally noble by Deſcent, and externally graceful in Appearance of Figure and Perſon correſponding with a Magnanimity of Soul and Munificence of Mind, ſo as to do Honor to their Country, and win Favor in the Eyes of the Court and the Populace where they were to go to reſide. The Court of *Goat'am* indeed revers'd this neceſſary Rule, ever ſince the Government became bandied about from the Hands of one Faction to another. Then very little Regard was had, either to the Figure of the Ambaſſador or his Capacity: It was ſufficient he could ſhew a tractable Diſpoſition to do as he was bid. No Matter what foreign Courts thought of him or his Nation: So that he paid implicit Obedience to Orders, and preſumed not to judge of the Rectitude of them, he thoroughly anſwered the Purpoſe of his Miſſion, and of the *Grand Vizier* of the State and his Faction, whoſe Creature he was to be. This *Improvement* upon the antient Choice of Ambaſſadors was greatly heightened among the *Goat'amites*, during the Uſurpation of the famous *Coalition*, a notable Knot of Politicians compos'd of the Dregs of a former M***y, and the Acceſſion of a few Deſerters from the Country-Intereſt! which however could agree in nothing, but in excluding every experienced Head from their Councils.

It was in their Days, that a young amphibious *Goat'amite* diſtinguiſhed himſelf at Court: Tho' born upon the Land, he derived however from the Sea. He was an Ambodexter, and was equally qualify'd for either Element; tho' from the *veering* Diſpoſition of his Mind, it was thought he partook more eminently of the *watry* one, eſpecially as he was obſerved to con over his Compaſs more frequently than his Prayers, and that too backwards and forwards with as great Facility as a Conjurer manages his *Pater Noſter* when he raiſes a Storm. He could ſit at a *Board*, and agitate the whole Navy of *Goat'am* as he pleaſed; tho' he unluckily miſtook his Cue more than once, for, inſtead of *ſailing* he inadvertently gave *mooring* Orders to the Fleet, which balked an *intended Expedition* of great Enterprize and Moment that coſt his Maſter more Money than would have purchaſed the Country the Fleet was to invade; but, in order to repair the Blunder, and do a little Buſineſs nearer home, he ſent his Fleet to the oppoſite Coaſt to bring over a Magazine of *Eaſt-India* Riches; but in this he ſtumbled again, for, as a Man on making a falſe Step at the Threſhold ſeldom recovers before he is down on his Noſe, the Fleet brought nothing over but a few *French* Cows and a good deal of Diſgrace.

But his Exploits by Land were ſurprizing; for being better ſkilled in the Ways of *Peace*, and a Connoiſſeur in Fortification, he could, by a ſingle Daſh of his Pen, replace the Walls of a Frontier Town, which had coſt his Anceſtors a tedious War of Twelve Years, and Millions upon Millions of Money, to demoliſh; but however not re-erect ſo completely, but that a wide Gap, of the Breadth of the old Canal revived, was left open towards the Sea, for the Reception of the Enemy, under Favour of four or five *Redoubts* which lined the Sides of the Canal; not to mention two floating wooden Caſtles, capacious of 20 Guns each, at the Mouth of it out in the Sea. He could likewiſe, while his Hand was in, negociate away a Brace of noble *Goat'amites* of his own Rank, into the Heart of the Enemy's Country for Education. In ſhort he could do and actually did, wondrous Things! He refined upon the Taſte of chuſing Ambaſſadors above all his Fellow-Citizens, by recommending a *Proſcript* he met with abroad in his Travels, as properly ſuiting with the Times, to repreſent his Maſter's Perſon in a foreign Court; as he was very well ſkilled in ballancing Reaſons (which ſome ſpell *Raiſons*) of State by *Scales* and *Weights*. If it be ſaid that we have ſpoken to this Affair before, our Anſwer is obvious, that we can't celebrate too often a Matter of ſuch Concernment to the Dignity of the Crown, and the Honour of the *Goat'amites*.

A M***y ſhould not only be very delicate in the Perſons they ſend, but careful in obſerving well who they receive in a public Character; ſo as to avoid being duped by an *Impoſtor*, or miſtake a common Courier for a Miniſter; as I have ſomewhere read, or heard, or dreamed, it happened once in the Land of *Goat'am*, during the Adminiſtration of the *Coalition*. It is ſaid, —— "Take Notice all ye Connoiſſeurs in Innuendo, that old *Argus* means no more than what his plain Words ſimply import;" —— It is ſaid, that the moſt illuſtrious Chief of the Banditti of *Polytri*, a *Barbarian* Town inhabited by Deiſts, far diſtant from *Goat'am*, having Occaſion to complain of the Conduct of a Subject of that State, pitch'd upon one *Hadge*, a poor illiterate Handicraftſman, who earned a precarious Living by making Slippers at one End of his Shop, and ſelling minute Meaſures of Pulſe at the other, to carry a Letter of Compliment to the Miniſtry of *Goat'am*. The Man performed his Function of Courier very well and faithfully, by delivering the Letter into the Hands of *Don Tom del Vagary*, then one of the principal *Scribes* and a Stateſman of the firſt Rank, who, after he had read it, caſt an Eye of Attention on the Bearer and then again on the Letter, and ſo alternately on both, 'till, in a kind of Rapture, he accoſted the poor ſimple *Hadge*, very reſpectfully, with the Title of my *Lord-Ambaſſador*, and cut as many *Reverences* round the Room, in Honor of him, as he had once done before, when he miſtook the new Cook who was ſent him from *Paris*, for a Lord of Diſtinction from the Court of *Verſailles*.

Poor *Hadge*, amazed at ſo many odd Geſtures and Traverſings about the Room, apprehended the *Scribe* had been taken with a Fit of the *Mother*, 'till he was better informed by his Interpreter, of the Honor done him. He returned the Compliment in an aukward Simplicity of Manners, and withdrew. Some few Days after this he was ſurprized with a Meſſage from the *Scribe*, that he had regiſtered him in his Office, as Lord-Ambaſſador from the moſt illuſtrious Chief and State of *Polytri*, and had procured him an Appointment of 26 *l.* a Week, for the Support of his Table and Equipage during his Miniſtry; with a Requeſt, that his Excellency would pleaſe to prepare for his Audience at Court, where he would take Care to attend in Perſon to introduce him into the R*y*l Preſence; concluding, that, in order to equip himſelf properly for that Purpoſe, he had ordered him a Supply of a conſiderable Purſe of Money by the Hands of the *Maſter of the Ceremonies*. The poor Fellow ſtood aghaſt, as tho' he had been ſentenced to the Bowſtring, and began to deprecate for any Offence that his Maſter's Letters might have given; but, being undeceived by the Interpreter, he became comforted, and quitting the little dirty Alley where he lodged, diſmiſſed his Rags for a complete Suit of new long Cloaths, and cleanſed himſelf ſo well, that there was hardly a ſingle Inhabitant left in his Beard or his Turban; and ſo, pitching his Tent in S*ſ*n-*Street*, became my Lord *Aga* at once.

The *Scribe* and *Ambaſſador Hadge*, by frequent Interchange of Viſits, became wondrous fond of each other; inſomuch, that they reciprocally lamented that the one was a *Chriſtian* and the other a *Deiſt*, 'till they found, by ſagacious Obſervations on each other's Conduct, that they were only ſo in Name. But Envy always purſues the Great, and he who was but Yeſterday a Maker of *Mahometan* Slippers and a Retailer of Pulſe in his own Country, became malign'd by his own Maſter, who, hearing of the Honours that was paid to his Servant *Hadge*, wiſhed he had been his own Meſſenger to have been ſo diſtinguiſhed, and ſo order'd him home to his own Shop: But *Hadge*, having taſted the Sweets of Ambaſſadorſhip ſo plentifully, would not budge a Foot; as he had learned, from Obſervation on the Conduct of the *Scribe* his Friend, that the Command of Princes were not ſo very ſacred, but that they might be diſpenſed with on Occaſion. His Maſter however repeated his Commands by another Courier (after having made him ſwear by his Beard and the Prophet, that he would not ambaſſadorize too) with Diſpatches likewiſe to apprize the State of *Goat'am* of the Impoſture, which, by Craft and Cunning, had been impos'd on the Credulity and Inexperience of *del Vagary*, who, like moſt other great Men, diſdaining to own an Error, thought it incumbent upon him to ſtand firm to the Creature he had made; and ſo wiſely ſuppreſſed the Diſpatches he received as faſt as they arrived from *Polytri*, as merely *Barbarian*, and not worth his Maſter's Notice.

Ambaſſador *Aga*, improving by Experience, became in Proceſs of Time thoroughly apprized of the Privilege of Immunity annexed to his Office; and ſo took into Keeping very pretty *Italian* Boys, whom he ſuffered to riot with Impunity; inſomuch, that the only Woman in the Houſe was murdered, and the Aſſaſſin conveyed away beyond Sea; while he himſelf contracted large Debts for Neceſſaries, notwithſtanding the plentiful Allowance he weekly received from Court, which he took Care to hoard up, like an induſtrious Ant, for a future Day, threatning Creditors with a Priſon for preſuming to interrupt the Repoſe of a Lord-Ambaſſador with their impertinent Demands. He became at laſt ſo adventurous as to proceed from defrauding the Subjects of *Goat'am* of their Goods and Effects, to the haraſſing, moleſting, and depriving them of their Liberties, by falſe Arreſts founded on ſuch a Proſtitution of Oaths, according to the Laws of *Goat'am*, as gave great Offence

and Scandal to all good People, while at the ſame Time he was *privileged* from being called to Account for his Iniquity.

But, unlucky for our Slipper-Ambaſſador, his Maſter died, and was ſucceeded in the Throne of *Polytri* by a *Barbarian* of a more enterprizing Spirit; and, as Fortune ſeldom obſerves a Medium, either in lifting up or palling down, his Friend the *Scribe*, by chopping and changing of Office, removed himſelf into another Sphere, and left him under the Inſpection of a Succeſſor more delicate in his Way. His new Maſter, ſcandalized at the Impoſture of a Wretch ſo very mean and illiterate, and the Iniquity of his Conduct, to the Diſgrace of *Deiſts* and the Prophet, in a *Chriſtian* Country, diſpatched away a prime Officer of his Court with expoſtulatory Credentials to *Goat'am*, for permitting the Uſurpation and long Diſobedience of the *Slipper maker*, in Derogation of the Honour of the State of *Polytri*, and to make a peremptory Demand of his Perſon to be delivered up to his Miniſter, or ſent under a Guard into his own Country, to receive the Chaſtiſement due to his Preſumption. This of one Side, and the loud Cries of the Inhabitants of *Goat'am* for Juſtice on the other, has ſo diſtracted the Mind of the poor mock Ambaſſidor, that he knows not whether he had beſt truſt to an Opiate of Hemp in a ſtrange Land, or ſubmit to meet the Bowſtring in his own; where however it is expected he may, by the Mediation and good Offices of his old Friend the *Scribe*, be permitted to deprecate for his Inſolence, on giving up all he has amaſſed in *Goat'am* for Liberty to live, and reſume his former Function of the Slipper and Pulſe: Tho' it is not ſaid, what Satisfaction is to be made to ſuch of the *Goat'amites* as have been injured by his iniquitous Conduct and Oppreſſions.

LONDON.

We hear that an End will certainly be put to the preſent Seſſions of Parliament on Thurſday the 12th of April.

They write from the Hague, that M. Durant who has reſided there ſome Time, had received Orders from the Court of France to repair to England, in order to look to the Intereſts of his Court in the Abſence of the Marquis de Mirepoix, who is to accompany his Majeſty to Hanover.

We hear that the High Bailiff of Weſtminſter will declare which of the Candidates for that City has the Majority, the 10th of next Month.

We hear that Sir Edward Seymour, who it is ſuppoſed will ſoon take his Seat as Duke of Somerſet, is gone into the Country for a few Days, for the Recovery of his Health.

A Bill has paſſed both Houſes of Parliament, and now lies ready for the Royal aſſent, to enable Hugh Earl of of Northumberland, his Counteſs, and their Heirs Male to take the Name of Piercy, and bear and quarter the Arms of the Piercy's Earls of Northumberland.

We hear the Eaſt India Company's Debt of Four Millions Two Hundred Thouſand Pounds is to be paid off in the Manner following, unleſs three Millions Two Hundred Thouſand Pounds of it be ſubſcribed on or before the 30th of May next; viz.

1050000 on the 25th of March 1751,
1050000 on the 24th of June 1751.
1050000 on the 29th of September 1751.
1050000 on the 25th of December 1751.

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And we likewiſe hear, that ſuch of the following Annuities as are not ſubſcribed on or before the 30th of May next, are to be paid off on the following; viz.

Exchequer Annuities, Bank Annuities 1748,	March 25, 1751.
Bank Annuities 1746, Lottery — 1747,	June 24, 1751.
Annuities — 1747, Ditto — 1749,	Sept. 29, 1751.

The Terms of the Subſcription are 4 per Cent. from laſt Chriſtmas to next Chriſtmas, and 3 1 half per Cent. for five Years, and after that to continue at 3 per Cent.

And his Majeſty is empowered to borrow ſuch Sums of Money upon the Credit of the Sinking Fund, as ſhall be found neceſſary for the Purpoſes above mentioned.

Thurſday 7-Night ——— Waple, Eſq; was appointed, by the Court of Directors of the Hon. Eaſt-India Company, Governor of Fort St. George, upon the Evacuation or that Place by the French; and ——— Joddrel, Eſq; was, at the ſame Time appointed Judge of the Mayor's Court there.

The Royal George, Capt. Blaquiere; the Hawke, Capt Eraſmus and the Exeter, Capt. Pennell, arrived laſt Week in the River from Leghorn, and have brought upwards of 400 Bales of Raw and thrown Silk. We hear that a large Body of Merchants have reſolved to Petition the Parliament againſt admitting the Importation of Raw Silk of Perſia bought in Ruſſia, as being unneceſſary and contrary to the general Intereſt of the Kingdom.

Monday a Highwayman was ſhot dead near Bayſwater in attempting to rob the Worceſter Coach.

The Lords of the Admiralty have appointed Capt. William Lloyd to be commander of the Sphinx Man of War at Sheerneſs.

This Week an Officer belonging to the Sheriffs Court was bound over before the Hon. Board of Green Cloth in a Recognizance of 500 l. for arreſting a Perſon within his Majeſty's Palaces without Leave firſt obtained from the aforeſaid Board.

By a Private Letter from Rotterdam, to a Gentleman here, we are informed, that the Dutch have ſtrictly prohibited the Exporting any Materials or Utenſils, proper for the Whale, White Herring, or Cod Fiſheries, into Scotland, under very ſevere Penalties.

The Arreſt that was put upon three Officers of the Navy in order to prevent Duelling, is taken off, and they laid under proper Reſtrictions as to their Behaviour in thoſe Particlars.

Laſt Saturday died at Clapham in Surry, aged 77, Mrs. Mary Parker, Widow, of whom it might juſtly be ſaid that ſhe was a truly charitable Woman; amongſt other good Things in her Will, ſhe has given 100 l. to the London Infirmary; 300 l. to bind poor Children Apprentice; 300 l. for the Relief of ſick People; 300 l. for the Relief of poor Widows; 200 l. for the Relief of poor Men; and 300 l. for diſcharging poor Priſoners for Debt out of Jail; to be diſtributed at the Diſcretion of her Executors: The happy Effects of a well ſpent Life, and, 'tis to be hoped, will be thought worthy of Imitation by living Benefactors.

We hear that Sir William Jolliffe, who died lately, has ſettled by his Will 200 l. South Sea Stock for ever, the Intereſt of which is to be applied to the Second and third beſt Rowers for Doggets-Badge, viz. 5-8th to the ſecond, and 3-8th to the third.

Laſt Week the Right Hon. the Lady Bellew was delivered of a Son and Daughter at her Houſe in Golden Square, which both died ſoon after.

Monday one Trips a Smuggler, lately brought to Newgate, was carried from thence on Horſeback, with his Legs chained under the Horſe's Belly, to, Eaſt Grinſtead, guarded by a Party of Horſe Grenadiers, in order to take his Trial at the Aſſizes which are ſhortly to be held there. The Evidence againſt him was carried in the ſame Manner along with him. It is ſaid that Trips is worth ſome Thouſand Pounds. He has ſince been tried, and acquited of the Crime alleged againſt him which is Murder, but is Retained for Debt, at the Suit of the Crown, was brought back to his former Place of confinement, ——— But Thomas Carey alias Lame Jockey, who was tried on the ſame Indictment with Trips, was found Guilty.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight ended the Aſſizes at Exeter, when Eleven Priſoners were capitally convicted, viz. John Lennard, for counterfeiting the coin of this Kingdom; Elizabeth Peckard, for poiſoning her Huſband with Arſenick; Mary Wills and Suſannah Phillips, for the Murder of their Baſtard Children; Neal M'Danial and William Lovell, for robbing on the Highway; Eliz. Burley, for ſetting Fire to an Out-houſe: Robert Bale, for Horſe-ſtealing Mary Woodmaſon, for ſtealing 17 Guines out a Dwelling Houſe.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight the Aſſizes ended at Maidſtone for the County of Kent, when the following were capitally convicted, viz. John Stone, for ſetting Fire to the Barn, Corn, and Hayriks, of Mr. Clarke, of Throwleigh, and John Collington as an acceſſary therein; Benjamin Baker and Francis Foſter, for ſeveral Robberies on the Highway William Randall, for ſtealing a Mare? John Williams for Burglary; and Henry Earley for taking 14 l. 18 s. out of his Maſters 'Eſcrutore. Phillip Barret, and Joſeph Gregory, for aſſaulting Mr. Clarke in his Barn, and forcibly taking him away; being hired for that Purpoſe by the above John Collington, were ſentenced to remain in Priſon two Years; and after that to find ſecurity for their good Behavior for ten Years. Collington, convicted as above was a Gentleman Farmer, of about 200 l. per Annum at Throwleigh. He was a Man ſo infamous for his Malice and Miſchief, that he was continually contriving and acting againſt his Neighbours; and we hear that a Petition has been preſented to the Judges who were at Maidſtone, to give Orders for him to be hanged in Chains in that Neighbourhood, after his Execution.

Of the nine Perſons who received Sentence of Death at Glouceſter Aſſizes, only two are ordered for Execution, (which, we hear, was on Wedneſday) viz. Richard Merrick, for the Murder of a Baſtard Child and William Collins, for ſtealing a Mare.

Monday a Man was taken up in Adam and Eve Court, St. Giles's, for being concerned in ſeveral Robberies and who was Evidence againſt a Man, that went by the Name of Captain Flaſh, who was executed with the other eleven Malefactors laſt Monday.

By the freſheſt Letters from Cadiz, Malaga Alicant, &c. there is certain Advice, that by the large Drought there had been in thoſe Parts, the enſuing Crop of Corn was in great Danger, which had advanced the Price very conſiderably; in conſequence of which large Orders had been tranſmitted hither.

Extract of a Letter from Algier, Jan. 5, 1749.

SIR,

"This being the firſt Opportunity I have had ſince my being in Slavery, I have embraced it by the Trial Sloop of War, which arrived here about four or five Days ago, being bound to Plymouth. When I left London I came to Portſmouth, and ſhipped myſelf Mate of a Ship to Liſbon, and arrived ſafe at Portſmouth the firſt of November from Liſbon, and the 8th following I ſhipped myſelf on board the unhappy Ship I was taken in, the Endeavour, John Jones Captain, myſelf Mate, and the 17th following failed from Portſmouth for Falmouth, and the 23d failed from Falmouth bound for Civita Vecchia. In the Mediterranean, December 15, off the Rock of Liſbon, to my great Grief, we fell in with an Algerine Rover, who took me and two Foremaſtmen out, and put ten Algerines on board, with orders to proceed to Algiers with the Rover. two Days after, it blowing a hard Gale of Wind, we loſt Sight of our Ship; at New Year's Day we arrived at this unhappy Place, where I ſpent the Hollidays in Slavery, and ſo I am like to remain. Here has been Commodore Kepple, with ſeveral of his Majeſty's Ships. Here is at preſent about 500 Chriſtian Slaves; 45 are Engliſh. When the Commodore was here, we expected to have been releaſed; but are now out of all Hopes of Liberty; my Fetters are 36 Pounds Weight, which, with the Heat of the Country and Slavery, if I have not a ſpeedy Remedy, I cannot ſurvive it long. There is not one Slave ſo heavily fettered as myſelf. I am going up into the Country, there to be kept cloſe confined with four more Slaves, for trying to make our Eſcape: our Enemies, ſince that Attempt, have been very cruel to us, and daily whip us moſt cruelly, and frequently threaten my Life in particular: but I am determined, at the Riſque of my Life, the firſt Opportunity, to make the ſecond Attempt, &c.

I am, &c.

GEORGE GALL"

On Monday Morning 16 Algerine Priſoners, who have been confined here for ſome Time paſt, were conveyed in a Waggon to Portſmouth, under the Care of Mr. Button, one of his Majeſty's Meſſengers, were they are to be put on board a Man of War appointed to carry them to Gibralter, in order to their being exchanged for a like Number of Engliſh Priſoners; and we hear that what other Engliſh Priſoners may be found at Algier will be ranſomed.

Monday there was a great deal of Miſchief in the River Thames, by the Violence of the Wind; a Tier of Veſſels broke from their Moorings near Battle Bridge, by which a large Boat laden with Bales of Silk, &c. was ſunk, and ſeveral ſmall Boats damaged; a Weſt Country Barge laden with Corn was alſo ſunk, and a Lighter with Coals near London Bridge.

Laſt Sunday Morning about two o'Clock, a Gentleman was attacked by three Street Robbers at the End of Bride-lane Fleet-ſtreet, who robbed him of a Gold Watch and ſeveral Guineas, after which they cut him acroſs the Head and Legs, with their Hangers, and made off with their Booty. Soon after the Gentleman was carried to St. Bride's Watch-Houſe, ir order to be taken Care of.

SCOTLAND.

Fortroſe, March, 16. In the laſt five Months, there has been the greateſt Offer of Herrings in this Place that was ſeen theſe many Years; nothing but the want of Nets, Caſks, and Salt, prvented thoſe who tried them from making conſiderable Quantities for Exportation. The Herrings were large fat, and full, the very ſame with the Runs here in 1728, and the preceding Year; ſo that thoſe who deſign to Proſecute the Herring Fiſhery in Scotland, may find a Trial in this and Murray Firth, redound as much to their Advantage as any other Place whatſoever; in conſideration whereof the Maſtiſtrates of this Burgh think it there Duty to intimate the ſame, by inviting all Perſons who deſign to trade that Way, and promiſe to aſſiſt them in every Thing lawfull and neceſſary they are capable of.

BANKRUPTS.

Nicholas Meyers, late of Cockhill near Ratcliffe Highway, in the County of Middleſex, Sugar Refiner

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Joſeph Richardſon, late of St. George Hanover Square, Haberdaſher.

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